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MAR 18 2013

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Member, United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins:

Thank you for your interest in the Coast Guard's sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) program, as outlined in your letter dated February 14, 2013. I also thank you for the opportunity to have my subject matter experts brief the Coast Guard SAPR program to your staff on March 11, 2013.

Preventing sexual assault and providing for the protection of sexual violence victims is a top Coast Guard priority, and one that I am personally committed to. I agree that Coast Guard policy should conform to the spirit and intent of the STRONG Act, ensuring consistency across the Armed Services. With regard to the specific issue of expedited consideration of a request for transfer, I have asked my staffs to review and update our existing policies ensuring appropriate alignment to the intent of the STRONG Act.

My Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of R. J. Papp, Jr., written over the word "Sincerely," and the printed name below.

R. J. PAPP, JR.
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MAR 19 2013

The Honorable Michael Turner
Member, United States House of Representatives
2239 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Turner:

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My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

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MAR 13 2013

The Honorable Niki Tsongas
Member, United States House of Representatives
1607 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Tsongas:

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Sincerely,

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